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TreeLink News Bulletin

In the works



Arbor Day Poster Contest Winner

Congratulations to Jonathan Zander of the Snohomish County Home Education Co-op! Jonathan is the Washington State winner of the 2000 Arbor Day Poster Contest. He received \$25, as did his teacher. His entry will go on to the National Contest. This event is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation. We thank all of the 5th graders that entered. For more information on the 5th Grade Poster Contest, please call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources
Jennifer M. Belcher - Commissioner of Public Lands

DNR URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM

Even after a mild winter, spring sure feels great! And now that Arbor Month is here, it's time to get involved in your communities event. Many wonderful events are planned around the state, so find out what your community is doing and volunteer. Be sure to use proper planting techniques when you're doing your Arbor Day tree planting celebrations. If you have any questions, or would like information on how to properly plant trees, call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE. -Sarah

Tree City USA

The National Arbor Day Foundation (NADF) has recognized 34 Washington communities with the Tree City USA award. Each community has met or exceeded the following standards set forth by NADF: establish a tree board or commission, write and pass a tree ordinance, document a \$2 per capita expenditures on tree-related matters, and celebrate Arbor Day. The number of years they have received the award is in parentheses. Washington's Tree City USA's are:

City of Bellevue (9)☆
City of Bellingham (4)
City of Bremerton (4)
City of Cashmere (13)
City of Clarkston (4)
Town of Clyde Hill (7)
City of Deer Park (2)
City of Ellensburg (17)
City of Everett (7)
Fairchild Air Force Base (6)☆
City of Ferndale (1)
City of Grandview (3)
Town of Hunts Point (9)
City of Issaquah (7)q
City of Lacey (9)
City of Longview (16)☆
McChord Air Force Base (7)☆

City of Mount Vernon (5)
City of Okanogan (3)
City of Olympia (7)
City of Omak (3)
City of Poulsbo (3)☆
City of Pullman (3)☆
City of Redmond (1)
City of Richland (2)
City of Seattle (15)☆
City of Sumner (6)
City of Tacoma (7)
City of Tumwater (6)
City of Vancouver (11)
City of Walla Walla (6)
Town of Waterville (1)
City of Woodinville (4)☆
City of Yelm (4)

Underlined communities are a first time Tree City USA recipient. Communities with a "☆" went above and beyond the four standards to receive points towards a Tree City USA "Growth Award." If you would like information on becoming a Tree City USA or the Tree City USA "Growth Award, contact the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

Community Forestry Field Day a Success

I would like to thank all those who attended the Community Forestry Field Day in Chehalis on March 18, 2000. Even though the weather didn't cooperate, we had a great day and passed on a lot of information about tree care. I would also like to thank our presenters: Jim Bottorff, DNR; Sheila Gray, WSU Cooperative Extension; Kevin LeClair, DNR; Kevin McFarland, Sound Urban Forestry; Joe Roush, City of Olympia; and Scott Zlotnik, City of Longview. Pioneer West and Kaija's Nurseries both donated two trees for our planting demonstration, for which we are grateful. And finally, thanks to Andy Sennes, his staff, and the City of Chehalis for helping the Field Day go off without a hitch. We are looking forward to another Community Forestry Field Day in October in Yakima. Stay tuned to the TreeLink for more information.

2000 Pacific Northwest Community Trees Conference

The 5th PNW Community Trees Conference will be held May 17-19, 2000, in Anchorage, Alaska. This conference brings together urban foresters, arborists, planners, landscape architects, horticulturists, and citizen activists interested in improving the well being of our communities through the planting and care of trees. Contact the PNW-ISA at (503) 585-4285.

Salmon Recovery Grants Available

Over \$3,000,000 in Salmon Recovery Grants is available from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Visit their website for more information at www.nfwf.org/salmon_wash.htm or call Jerry Clark at (202) 857-0162.

In the works (continued)

"Each generation takes the Earth as trustees. We ought to bequeath to posterity as many forests and orchards as we have exhausted and consumed."

-J. Sterling Morton on
Arbor Day, 1885.

TRIVIA: Trees have existed for more than 200 millions years, and are the largest and oldest life forms to inhabit the earth. What is the oldest known tree species that is sometimes called the Golden Fossil Tree?

(answer is upside down below)

Picks and Shovels

On the Horizon

The Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is made possible with assistance from the USDA Forest Service. The program's purpose is to educate citizens and decision-makers about the economic, environmental, psychological and aesthetic benefits of trees and to assist local governments, citizen groups and volunteers in planting and sustaining healthy trees and vegetation wherever people live and work in Washington State.

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Hazard Tree Evaluation Course

The PNW-ISA, the DNR Urban and Community Forestry Program, and the WSU Extension Service are sponsoring an introductory course on Hazard Tree Evaluation, to be held on April 20, 2000, at the WSU Research and Extension Center in Puyallup. This continuing education workshop teaches introductory level hazard tree evaluation methods and techniques. This workshop is intended for park managers, planners, landscape maintenance personnel and others interested in learning how to evaluate trees for hazards. Through classroom instruction, field demonstrations, and hands-on practice, participants will learn to make thorough field evaluations. Cost of the workshop is \$75, which includes all course materials and lunch. Group rates for five or more people from the same agency or company are \$60 per person. For more information, contact the PNW-ISA at 503/874-8263 or fax 503/874-1509. The e-mail address is info@pnwisa.org

Planting for Slopes and Slope Retention

The Center for Urban Horticulture (CUH) is holding a workshop on Wednesday, April 12, from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the NHS Hall. This workshop will focus on issues such as soil types and their characteristics, soil friction and cohesion, soil reports, landslide types in the Northwest, and repair methods. Discussion will also include selection of plants for repair after slide damage and preventative measures on potential slide areas. The workshop fee is \$25 and preregistration is required. For more information or to register, call CUH at (206) 685-8033.

2001 National Tree Trust Grant Application Available

The National Tree Trust provides one year old seedlings in increments of 100 per species for planting on public lands (schoolyards, parks, cemeteries, golf courses, etc.) or along roadsides. All projects must utilize volunteers. The seedlings are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, and applications are due by May 31, 2000. For more information, contact the National Tree Trust at 1-800-846-8733 or visit them on the web at www.nationaltreetrust.org.

City Forester Position Available

The City of Post Falls, Idaho, is hiring a city forester. The listing will be posted the week of March 27, and is a four week listing. Post Falls has an active Tree Commission and is a Tree City USA. Interested people should visit www.postfallsidaho.org or call Del Jaquish at (208) 773-0892.

Carbon Dioxide Reduction Through Urban Forestry; Guidelines for Professional and Volunteer Tree Planters. This book, published by the USDA Forest Service, discusses climate change and how trees in urban areas interact. Urban Forestry program design and implementation guidelines are given, as are examples from around the country. This book is also available for loan by calling the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

April

6-9 *Equinox Environmental Film Festival*, Leavenworth, WA. (206) 443-7239.

12 Washington State's Arbor Day!

19 Washington Community Forestry Council meeting in Spokane. (360) 902-1703

26-28 *Arbor Day Fair*, University of Washington. Contact Ellen McKinley at (206) 685-4485 ext. 215 or send a message to: arborday@u.washington.edu.

May

9 Diagnosis and Management of Root Pathogens. For more information on this workshop, contact the Center for Urban Horticulture at (206) 685-8033.

9-11 *Buffers: Commonsense Conservation for Urbanizing Landscapes National Conference*. Arbor Day Farm, Nebraska City, Nebraska. For more information, call the NADF at 888-448-7337 or the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523 TREE.

17-19 *2000 Pacific Northwest Community Trees Conference*. Anchorage, AK. Contact the PNW-ISA at 1-800-335-4391.